

Bury St Edmunds Chronicle**Chronicon Buriense**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 280 x 190 (11 x 7.5 in.), ff. 103, 34 lines to a page. Cent. **xv**, very well written. There is a quantity of unusual and pretty pen-work, in pink and green, on the margins of the earlier leaves.

Collation: a⁸ b⁸ (wants 8) | c⁸-n⁸.

Provenance: The book is doubtless from Bury St Edmunds[¶]. On f. 1r is the pressmark E. 43. <<It is not easy to see why this pressmark was given to this book. The letters of the pressmarks of Bury[¶] uniformly corresponded to the subjects of the books (e.g. B for Biblia): also, there is another extant volume marked E. 43 (viz. Lambeth MS. 218^[LAM218], Epistolae Alcuini). The proper letter for the present volume is C (=Chronica).>> A long life of St Edmund[¶] is in the text, and there are notes relating to the Abbey at the end.

Research: The “Cronica que liber Regius appellatur” is referred to in Flete's *History of Westminster Abbey* (see MS 287. 3^[CCC287]) <<See the edition by Dr J. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster, 1909, p. 3^[Armitage Robinson 1909a].>> (but the passage cited by him is not in the text of this MS.) with the note “Cronica Regia ideo dicitur quia Rex Richardus secundus[¶] eam scribi fecit a monacho quodam cenobii S. Edmundi de Burye[¶].” I think it possible that the present MS. contains a shortened text of this *Chronica Regia*.

Foliation: ff. i-iv + 1-103 + v-viii.

Language: Latin.

Contents:**1.****1r-15v** *Bury St Edmunds Chronicle**Chronicon Buriense*

- 1r Chronicle of the Popes (to Gregory IX[¶], 1370), extracted from another Chronicle
- 1r () *Incipit:* Petrus[¶] fuit primus papa post Iesum Christum quo anno Petrus[¶] apud Romam[¶] duos ordinavit
- 1r () There is a good blue initial and within it an outline drawing of Peter[¶], throned as Pope, holding keys and book: outside, on L., is St Paul[¶]
- 3r *Rubric:* Explicit de libro quarto
- 3r *Rubric:* Incipit de libro quinto (Capitulum I.)
- 3r () *Incipit:* Hillarius[¶] post leonem[¶] successit
- 5v *Rubric:* Explicit de libro iii^{io}
- 5v () *Rubric:* Incipit de libro v^{io} (sic) (Capitulum 2.)
- 5v () *Incipit:* Martinus[¶] papa post Iohannem[¶]
- 8v *Rubric:* Explicit de libro sexto
- 8v *Rubric:* Incipit de libro septimo
- 8v () *Incipit:* Hildebrandus[¶] qui et Gregorius[¶] vii^{us}
Ends (Capitulum 46)
- 12v *Explicit:* Gregorius[¶] undecimus diaconus cardinalis prius Petrus[¶] Rogeri nuncupatus
ff. 13r-15v blank

2.**16r-100r** *Chronicle of England[¶]*

- 16r *Rubric:* Incipit historia de Bruto[¶] Rege Britonum cum aliis Regibus Anglie[¶] linealiter ab eo descendentibus usque ad Regem Ricardum secundum[¶] qui presentem fecit compilari historiam anno. Regni sui quarto decimo
- 16r () The initial has a seated king, crowned and robed, with shield and bannered lance, in the same style as the other figured initial
- 16r *Incipit:* De Patre istius Bruti[¶] historie videntur dissonare. nam Britonum historia dicit istum brutum fuisse filium Siluii[¶]
There are marginal references (not consecutive) to chapters of a work unnamed
- 34r () The account of St Edmund[¶] occupies ff. 32r, |34r|43v, |42v|. It has a large coloured initial and begins
- 34r () *Incipit:* Sanctus Edmundus[¶] Alkamundi[¶] Regis Saxonie et Siware[¶] Regine filius anno ab incarnatione domini (bis) dcccxli^o
The last event recorded is Bishop Bateman[¶]'s attempt on the privileges of St Edmund[¶] (1344) and his death, with miraculous signs accompanying. This ends:
- 42v *Explicit:* cotidie magnifice operatur in suo martire glorioso
An account of St Edwold[¶] follows:
- 42v *Incipit:* Postquam autem beatissimus rex Edmundus[¶] mutavit per triumphum martirii
Ends f. 100r with accession of Richard II[¶]

100r *Explicit*ac etiam voto communi singulorum in regnum successit Anglorum anno etatis sue undecimo
ff. 100v-102r blank
On f. 102v a note on the old round chapel of St Edmund at Bury[¶]. This note also occurs in the MS. Arundel xxx at the College of Arms^[COA030]. See my *Essays on the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds*, C. A. S., p. 188^[James 1895a]

102v *Incipit*: Anno domini **m^o cc^{mo} lxxv^o** deposita est capella rotunda in cimiterio monachorum in qua corpus Sancti Edmundi[¶] primo iacuit ante translacionem suam

102v *Explicit*ex parte australi ubi nunc est capella Sancti Botulphi[¶] et ortus feretrariorum

103r () Pensio scolarium.

In primis de feretrariis ad festum S. Michaelis[¶] iii^s vi^d

Item de diuersis fratribus ad fest. S. Andree[¶] xxii^s

Item de celerario pro Abbate Will.[¶] xvij^d

Item pro Will. Rowham[¶] xii^d

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Item pro priore Joh. Gofford[¶] xx^d

Item de Camerario pro Ed^o Bokynham[¶] xiiii^d

Item pro henr. de stablys[¶] iiii^d

Item de manerio de hesete ad fest. purif. xx^d

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Item de thoma munchesey[¶] xii^d

Item de sacrista pro Abb. Will. cratfeld[¶] iii^s iiii^d

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Item de magistro cripte[¶] x^d

etc.

No other proper names occur

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

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- markupCheck: checked by CF, SP, CF
- msCheck: NJC 6.3.2007
- remarks: